BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD FOR THE KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION

RICHARD D. REDENBAUGH, JR. Claimant)
VS.)) Docket No. 196,465
TERRACE GARDENS RETIREMENT CENTER Respondent))
AND)
KANSAS HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION)
Insurance Carrier)

ORDER

Claimant appeals from an Award entered by Administrative Law Judge John D. Clark on April 21, 1997. The Appeals Board heard oral argument October 10, 1997.

APPEARANCES

Dale V. Slape of Wichita, Kansas, appeared on behalf of the claimant. Kirby A. Vernon of Wichita, Kansas, appeared on behalf of the respondent and its insurance carrier.

RECORD AND STIPULATIONS

The Appeals Board has reviewed and considered the record listed in the Award. The Appeals Board has also adopted the stipulations listed in the Award.

ISSUES

The Administrative Law Judge awarded benefits for a 5 percent permanent partial impairment of function to the right lower extremity. Claimant contends that the evidence establishes that he suffered injury to his left lower extremity as well as the right and that an award should have been made for a general body disability, including a work disability. The nature and extent of claimant's disability is the only issue on appeal.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

After reviewing the record and considering the arguments, the Appeals Board concludes that the Award by the Administrative Law Judge should be affirmed.

The Board so finds for the reasons stated in the findings of fact and conclusions of law by the Administrative Law Judge which are hereby approved and adopted by the Appeals Board as its own findings and conclusions. The Appeals Board therefore awards claimant benefits based upon a 5 percent permanent partial impairment to his right lower extremity.

AWARD

WHEREFORE, the Appeals Board finds that the Award by Administrative Law Judge John D. Clark, dated April 21, 1997, should be, and is hereby, affirmed.

WHEREFORE, AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION IS HEREBY MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE FINDINGS IN FAVOR of the claimant, Richard D. Redenbaugh, Jr., and against the respondent, Terrace Gardens Retirement Center, and its insurance carrier, Kansas Health Care Association, for an accidental injury which occurred October 28, 1994.

The claimant is entitled to 5.32 weeks temporary total disability at the rate of \$223.01 per week or \$1,186.41 followed by 9.73 weeks at \$223.01 per week in the amount of \$2,169.88 for a 5% permanent partial scheduled injury to the right leg making a total award of \$3,356.29.

The Appeals Board also approves and adopts the orders by the Administrative Law Judge relating to fees and expenses of administration of the Workers Compensation Act.

Dated this ____ day of October 1997. BOARD MEMBER BOARD MEMBER BOARD MEMBER

c: Dale V. Slape, Wichita, KS
Kirby A. Vernon, Wichita, KS
John D. Clark, Administrative Law Judge
Philip S. Harness, Director

IT IS SO ORDERED.